

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Petition is hereby made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of one month of the period for response to the Office Action. Authorization to charge the fee to our deposit account is enclosed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 46 and 48 to 53 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, on the basis that the specification, while enabling for removing solvent from the extracted oil seed meal at a temperature from 20° to 50°C to provide a desolventized oil seed meal, does not reasonably provide enablement for recovering solvent from the extracted oil seed meal at any temperature below 50°C. The Examiner considered that the specification did not enable a person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is mostly nearly connected, to make or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Reconsideration is requested having regard to the following comments and the amendments made to the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the temperature range to be 15° to 50°C. Basis for the lower limit of 15°C may be found at page 6, paragraph [0021]. This temperature range is exemplified by air desolventizing at 20°C, as specified in the Examples.

The Examiner comments in the Office Action that:

“The nature of the invention is such that a change in temperature may decrease the protein content of the rapeseed protein isolate and/or affect the structural properties.”

However, it is known from the cited Murray reference that it is possible to isolate a canola protein isolate having a protein content of at least 90 wt% from commercial canola meal. In this regard, attention is directed to Example 1 of the cited Murray reference, where a canola protein isolate having a protein content of 91% is obtained from commercial canola meal. As is set forth in the specification, in the commercial processing of canola oil seeds, desolventizing is effected at a

temperature of about 120° to 140°C. What the applicants have found is that effecting the desolventizing at a lower temperature below 50°C, there is extracted from the desolventized oil seed meal greater quantities of protein, leading to enhanced yields.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 is fully enabled and hence the rejection of claims 1 to 46 and 48 to 53 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 46 and 48 to 53 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter while applicant regards as the invention.

In particular, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 to 46 and 48 to 53 contain the term "canola". The Examiner indicated that the term "Canola" is a trademark/trade name and should be replaced by reference to rapeseed. However, it is believed that the term "canola" is not currently registered in the United States as a word trademark. Attached is a printout from the PTO records with respect to a search using the term "CANOLA". Accordingly, it is unnecessary to change the term "canola" to "rapeseed".

The Examiner indicated that claims 5 to 10, 11 to 12 and 13 to 20 recited "said oil seed meal" and it was unclear which oil seed meal is being referred to. Claims 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 20 and 24 have been amended to recite "said desolventized oil seed meal", i.e. the product of step (c) of claim 1. The remaining claims to which the Examiner refers are dependent, directly or indirectly, on the amended claims.

The Examiner noted that claims 29, 31 to 32 and 34 recited that the protein isolate is diluted about 15 fold or less and asserts that the recitation includes a zero fold dilution. It is submitted that such is not the case. The claims positively

recite the step of "diluting", so that there can be no zero fold dilution. There must be a positive degree of dilution.


Having regard to the above and the amended form of the claims, it is submitted that the claims can no longer be considered to be indefinite and hence the rejection of claims 1 to 46 and 48 to 53 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5 to 10, 17 to 19, 29 to 31, 33 and 44 to 48 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Murray (US 6,005,076). It is noted that this rejection did not include claim 50, which recites that the solvent removal step is effected under vacuum. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that feature and claim 50 has been deleted. Having regard thereto, it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 5 to 10, 17 to 19, 29 to 31, 33 and 44 to 48 in their amended form are patentable over the applied prior art and hence the rejection thereof under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray, should be withdrawn.

Submitted herewith is an IDS with respect to prior art cited against corresponding filings in other countries and not already of record herein. Authorization to charge the prescribed fee for the filing of an IDS at this stage of prosecution to our deposit account is enclosed.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and early and favourable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

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5	78723903		FERGUSON AUSTRALIA 40 ML LOBSTER OIL LOBSTER INFUSED CANOLA OIL	TARR	LIVE
6	78731679	3250686	CBI CANOLA BREEDERS INTERNATIONAL	TARR	LIVE
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10	78337895		CANOLA CANADA CANOLA COUNCIL OF CANADA	TARR	DEAD
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18	77228176		CANOLA HARVEST	TARR	LIVE
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20	77181039		CANOLA OIL. GOOD FOR EVERY BODY!	TARR	LIVE
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34	74801246	1798831	CANOLA HARVEST	TARR	LIVE
35	74245095	1722222	CANOLA OUR FLAVOR OF EXCELLENCE	TARR	LIVE
36	74256003	1789542	PREPARED IN 100% CANOLA OIL CHOLESTEROL FREE LOW IN SATURATED FATS	TARR	DEAD
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